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RE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

TEXT OF REVISED U.S. POSITION PAPER ON SUBJECT, WHICH IS
BEING POUCHED, FOLLOWS:

1. PROBLEM: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WILL HAVE
BEFORE IT REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESI-
DENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DEALING WITH THE
SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE IN 1977 TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES. THIS ISSUE, WHICH DEALS WITH THE SITUATION IN
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SOUTHERN AFRICA, WAS LINKED LAST YEAR TO THE QUESTION OF
THE PLO -- A LINKAGE THAT IS BEING REPEATED THIS YEAR.
(A SEPARATE POSITION PAPER UNDER AGENDA ITEM 28 DISCUSSES
THE PLO QUESTION.) A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (NLM'S) OPERATING IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA IS CERTAIN TO BE INTRODUCED. IN ADDITION TO
ENDORING THE PROPOSITION THAT UN AGENCIES SHOULD HELP THE

NLM'S, THE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO CALL FOR EVEN GREATER HELP THIS YEAR THAN WAS PROVIDED LAST YEAR.

2. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE TO THE UNITED STATES:
THIS IS AN ISSUE OF GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. THE DELEGATION SHOULD REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AND SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY. THE POLITICAL SALIENCE OF THIS ISSUE STEMS FROM THREE FACTORS:

-- THE POSSIBILITY THAT ACTION BY UN BODIES TO CHANNEL ASSISTANCE THROUGH OAU-SPONSORED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL BE CITED AS A PRECEDENT TO SUPPORT THE PLO'S CLAIM THAT IT SHOULD SERVE AS A CONDUIT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. (THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE CHanneLED THROUGH UNRWA.)

-- THE POSSIBILITY THAT UN ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL BE USED TO BOLSTER THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF ONE OR ANOTHER NATIONALIST GROUP RATHER THAN BEING USED STRICTLY FOR LEGITIMATE HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS.

-- THE POSSIBILITY THAT UN ASSISTANCE WILL BE INADEQUATELY MONITORED SO THAT RESOURCES WILL BE MISUSED IN SUPPORT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MILITARY OBJECTIVES OF A LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

3. U.S. POSITION:

(1) WE SUPPORT APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE OF A HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENTAL NATURE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MEMBERS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU PROVIDED THAT IT IS STRICTLY CONTROLLED AND MONITORED BY THE UN ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. UN AGENCIES PROVIDING SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD PROVIDE REGULAR AND TIMELY REPORTS TO MEMBER STATES ON ALL SUCH ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

(2) THE U.S. SUPPORTS SUCH ASSISTANCE BECAUSE WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT PEOPLES ON THE WAY TO SELF GOVERNMENT RECEIVE HELP AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION. HOWEVER, THIS HELP MUST BE TAILORED TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION AND MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A TOOL IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE A MONOPOLY ON POWER.

(3) SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS, WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION, WHO USE IT FOR LEGITIMATE, NON-MILITARY ENDS. THE COMMON

GOAL OF ALL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST BE TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLES AND THEIR PREPAREDNESS FOR THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

(4) WHERE THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, UN AGENCIES SHOULD ASSURE THAT THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SET UP SO AS TO GUARANTEE IN PRACTICE ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH ABOVE.

(5) WE ENCOURAGE UN AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS TO COMMIT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF RESOURCES COMMENSURATE WITH SOUND BUDGETARY PRACTICE. NO GAINS CAN COME ABOUT FROM COMMITTING RESOURCES THAT DO NOT EXIST, HOWEVER, AND FOR THIS REASON WE OPPOSE UNREALISTIC PROMISES OF HELP WHERE FUNDS UNCLASSIFIED

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ING HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED.

(6) IN DEVISING PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, ADMINISTRATORS OF UN AGENCIES SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE REAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THE AFFECTED PEOPLE ARE BEING MET. BUT CONTROL OF THE ASSISTANCE MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO PASS FROM THE AGENCIES CONCERNED TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

4. DISCUSSION: OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UN ASSISTANCE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS BASED ON OUR BELIEF IN CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL VALUES: AMONG THEM SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN DIGNITY. AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION VIOLENCE IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH ANY OF THESE. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT WE ENDORSE ASSISTANCE BY UN AGENCIES WHICH BENEFITS THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND ASSISTS IN THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. THE U.S. CANNOT SUPPORT UN AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE NLM'S WHICH IS NOT ABOVE REPROACH IN THIS REGARD, AND AGENCY GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE MUST MAKE CLEAR WHAT KINDS OF ASSISTANCE ARE AND ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE. U.S. CONCERN FOR AFRICA IS EVIDENT IN THE INCREASING SUMS WE ARE DEVOTING TO UNDP DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN GENERAL (E.G. OUR CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP HAS GONE FROM \$100 MILLION IN 1977 TO \$115 MILLION IN 1978 AND A REQUESTED \$133 MILLION IN 1979), AND TO ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA IN PARTICULAR (OUR 1978 CONTRIBUTION TO THE INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA IS DOUBLE THAT OF 1977; THAT TO UNETPSA IS 20 TIMES GREATER THAN WHAT WE GAVE IN 1977). WE HOPE OTHER DONORS TOO WILL INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT. HOWEVER, UNLESS AND UNTIL ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALIZES, UN AGENCIES SHOULD EXERCISE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRUDENCE AND NOT PROMISE HELP THEY ARE IN NO POSITION
TO PROVIDE.

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